

Dear GSA colleagues:

Gerontological research on older adults' civic engagement is alive and well: The many sessions on this subject at this year's annual conference is proof of that fact! The purpose of this reference guide is to help conference attendees more readily identify posters, papers, and symposia on civic engagement in middle and later life that might be of interest to them. Please note: This guide focuses on civic engagement activities such as community volunteering, charitable contributions, older adult workers, organizational involvement, feelings of overall generativity, and political organizing. Admittedly, this guide does not feature presentations on other important types of civic engagement (e.g., family caregiving), as well as closely related phenomena (e.g., formal religious participation and retirement). We encourage participants to use this list, in conjunction with the full conference program, as a starting point to identify presentations of interest to them.

May this meeting be a meaningful, pleasant, and engaging experience for us all!

Regards,

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## Friday, November 17

<b>Time and Location</b>	<b>Session Number</b>	<b>Title and Authors</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Focus (information pulled from authors' abstracts)</b>
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM; Grand Hall	2036	“Nonmetro Retirement Migration and Social Integration: Consequences for Health” (Glasgow and Brown)	Poster	“We find that older in-migrants are surprisingly active in their new communities and a third are now live near an adult child. We find that voluntary social participation is a stronger predictor of health than participation in informal social networks...”
8:30 AM – 10 AM; State Room 4	3059	“What are the Obligations of Old Age?”	Paper in symposium titled “The Good Life in Old Age” (Moody and Woodward)	“Beyond self-fulfillment or life satisfaction, what obligations do elders have to the world around them and to future generations?”
8:30 AM – 11 AM; Grand Hall	2426	“Contributions in Context” (Keating, Rozanova, Dosman, and colleagues)	Poster	“... how...factors influence patterns of contributions of rural adults in three domains: volunteering , helping others, and making charitable donations.”
8:30 AM – 11 AM; Grand Hall	1141	“Wouldn’t You Want to be a ‘Goother’ Too? Evaluation of a Volunteer Activity Program for Men with Early-Onset Dementia” (Kinney, Kart, and Watson)	Poster	“Partnering with the Columbus Zoo, each Thursday approximately 7 men with early-onset dementia (“goothers,” the acronym used to describe participants), accompanied by an association staff person, are transported to and from the zoo, where they complete tasks (e.g., sanding and painting picnic tables, pricing items for the gift shop).”
8:30 AM – 11 AM; Grand Hall	1099	“Reexamining the Relationship Among Volunteering, Social Activity, and Health: A Latent Growth Curve Modeling” (Han)	Poster	“This study examines how volunteering is related to physical and mental health of the elderly using a latent growth curve modeling (LGCM). Furthermore, it is examined whether the association is mediated by social activities.”
8:30 AM – 11 AM; Grand Hall	1451	“Assessing the Relationship Among Wealth, Volunteering, and Self-Esteem: A Longitudinal Data Analysis Using Latent Growth Curve Models” (Han and Hong)	Poster	“This study examines how asset accumulation affects self-esteem of the elderly and whether the association is mediated by volunteering.”

8:30 AM – 11 AM; Grand Hall	1977	“Positive Work-Family Spillover as Adaptive Categories Among Korean Midlife Male and Female Workers” (Chang, Cho, and Han)	Poster	“The purpose of this study is explore the positive reciprocal effects of work and family on work and family life by comparing four clusters with different levels of work-to-family and family-to-work positive spillovers.”
8:30 AM – 11 AM; Grand Hall	2489	“Development of a New Scale of Generativity: Assessing Generative Desires, Behaviors, and Fulfillment” (Piferi, Tanner, Martinez, and colleagues)	Poster	“Because previous data indicate that generative motives were the primary reason for volunteering among Experience Corps members, a new instrument was developed for the purpose of capturing generative fulfillment, in addition to generative behaviors and concerns, based on relevance to an aging population.”
8:30 AM – 11 AM; Grand Hall	2418	“Successful Aging and Hierarchical Model of Civic Engagement of Japanese Retirees” (Katagiri)	Poster	“Hierarchical model of social participation, dividing social activities into four categories, was proposed. Level 0 is the state that people are not engaged in social activity. Level 1 people enjoy solitary activities. Level 2 people join group activities. Level 3 people are doing productive activities in groups.”
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM; Grand Hall	2456	“Building Blocks of Successful Aging: Healthy Aging through the Eyes of Older Adults” (Reichstadt, Palinkas, Depp, and colleagues)	Poster	“This study sought to solicit the views of older adults on the components of successful or healthy aging, using a focus group format... Three major themes emerged suggesting successful aging involves a dynamic process: 1) security/stability; 2) attitude/perspective; and 3) engagement/stimulation.”
10:30 AM – 12 PM; Lone Star Ballroom A3	3058	“Boomers and Beyond: International Comparisons of Generational and Cultural Change” (Biggs and Moody)	Symposium	“If such a form of ‘Boomer Based Aging’ is emerging, its impact will be felt in areas as diverse as new attitudes to work in later life, patterns of consumption and health care requirements... The ups and downs of boomer generation will be examined, using studies from the US, UK, Finland, France and Germany.”
10:30 AM – 12 PM; Houston Ballroom B	3157	“Active Aging, Lifelong Learning and Volunteerism: Successful International Models for Building Legacies” (Harlow-Rosentraub, and Wilson)	Symposium	“Demonstration models of successful (civic participation and lifelong learning) programs in the US and Europe are presented with outcome measures and policy implications derived from longitudinal, panel surveys of more than 1000 participants.”

1:45 PM – 3:15 PM; Lone Star Ballroom A2	3054	“Morning, Noon, and Night: Older Men at Work, Rest, and Play” (David and Thompson)	Symposium	“This symposium brings together international scholars who have undertaken studies of older men and have examined issues of ‘everyday life’ in terms of work, caregiving, volunteering, relaxation and sleep.”
1:45 PM – 3:15 PM; State Room 4	3045	“Living Well with Chronic Illness: Imagining the Possibilities” (Hooyman, Allen, Coleman, and colleagues)	Symposium	“Two retirees will share how they are living well with chronic illness while actively engaged in new professional and service opportunities.”
1:45 PM – 4:45 PM; Grand Hall	1417	“Report and Key Findings from N. Central Indiana 60+ Success Study” (Segrist)	Poster	“Retirement Research Foundation provided funding to better understand who the mature workforce is in N. Central Indiana; what their retirement intentions and challenges are; what employment, entrepreneurial and volunteer opportunities they are interested in and skilled to do; and what opportunities actually exist in the region.”
1:45 PM – 4:45 PM; Grand Hall	1274	“Health Insurance and Older Workers’ Absenteeism” (Xu and Jensen)	Poster	“This paper uses data from the Health and Retirement Study to examine the effects of health insurance and different types of health insurance on older workers’ absenteeism.”
1:45 PM – 4:45 PM; Grand Hall	1123	“Social Relationships and Intentions to Participate at a New Senior Center: Reaching out to Individuals who benefit the Most” (Ashida)	Poster	“Results indicated that individuals with weak social relationships and those with low perceived availability of companionship reported higher intentions to participate at a new center.”
1:45 PM – 4:45 PM; Grand Hall	2253	“Feelings of Usefulness to Others and Longevity in Older Adults: The MacArthur Study of Successful Aging” (Gruenewald, Karlamangla, Singer, and colleagues)	Poster	“We previously found that low feelings of usefulness to others predicted greater likelihood of increases in physical disability and mortality over a 7-year period in a cohort of older adults. The current analyses extend these findings by examining whether feelings of usefulness predict survival time over a 12-year period.”

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM; Houston Ballroom A	3201	“Promoting Longer Worklives in the 21st Century: Research Findings from Europe and the U.S.” (Rix, Chen, and Rix)	Symposium	“Policymakers in developed countries are looking to prolonging worklives as part of the solution to aging populations and public pension systems in crisis. What have they done and what are the prospects for promoting older worker employment?”
5:15 PM – 6:45 PM; Remington		“Emerging Scholars and Professionals Organization Wine and Cheese and Fellows Meet the Students”	Awards Presentation	“GSA’s Civic Engagement in an Older America initiative offers a cash award to a student/junior scholar in recognition of an outstanding paper on the topic of civic engagement as it relates to older adults.”

**Saturday, November 18**

<b>Time and Location</b>	<b>Session Number</b>	<b>Title and Authors</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Focus (information pulled from authors' abstracts)</b>
9 AM – 5 PM; Grand Hall	2105	“Women’s Changing Roles in the Workforce: An Examination of Occupations Across Four Cohorts” (Flinn, Groves, and Mehta)	Poster	“Women’s participation in the labor force has gone from 34% in 1950 to 60% in 2000, with a projection of 62% for 2012 (US Census Bureau, 2000). Women’s occupations have also changed. One such change is an increase in women occupying professional roles (Gilbert, 2005). To explore these phenomena, occupation information for a sample of younger and older women was examined.”
9 AM – 5 PM; Grand Hall	2187	“Age Differences in the Impact of Employment Instability Among Black Americans; Implications for Normative Expectations over the Life Course” (Cross, Kelley-Moore, Ayd-Simpson, and colleagues)	Poster	“Numerous studies have examined the association between employment status, levels of depression and health, but few have examined age differences in this association. This study examines age differences in depression and smoking in a sample of Black Americans ages 30 to 64.”
9 AM – 5 PM; Grand Hall	2572	“Social Affiliation and Healthy Longevity: Evidence from Eleven-Year Longitudinal Study” (Anme, Shinohara, Sugisawa, and Ishii)	Poster	“This paper clarifies how social interaction can predict future health, particularly through social affiliation.”

9 AM – 5 PM; Grand Hall	1088	“Competence and Gender Participation of the Health-Related Voluntary Groups in Aging Communities: A Preliminary Study” (Hsu and Chen)	Poster	“ This study is to use an in-depth interview method to observe and analyze the competence and gender participation of health-related volunteers in aging communities, and also to explore the initiated strategies and partnership construction for further action research of successful aging.”
9 AM – 5 PM; Grand Hall	1764	“The Factors that Affect Environment Among People with Mental Disabilities Who are Getting Older in Japan: A Nationwide Study” (Masuda and Otsuki)	Poster	“CHIEF is a scale to evaluate the extent of barriers of environment against people with disabilities...over 80% of the respondents felt that they had the same degree of opportunities as people without disabilities regarding education and recreation, but their level of opportunities for jobs were not as same as those without disabilities.”
9 AM – 5 PM; Grand Hall	1576	“Volunteer Drivers: Their Economic and Social Contribution to Older Adults and Themselves” (Kerschner)	Poster	“This poster session will detail the enormous economic and social contribution of volunteer drivers who provide transportation to older adults who can no longer drive and/or need supportive assistance in order to access transportation services.”

9 AM – 5 PM; Grand Hall	1771	“Women Empowerment in Later Life (WELL): Outcomes of a Peer Education and Advocacy Training Group for Older Women Victims of Family Mistreatment” (Brownell)	Poster	“ Women's Empowerment in Later Life (WELL) is a peer education and advocacy training program for older women who are or have been victims of abuse by family members. Fourteen older women victims participated in a 10 session group training program facilitated by a professional social worker and a graduate social work student. Topics included running peer education groups for older women victims of abuse, public speaking and legislative advocacy.”
10:30 AM – 12 PM; State Room 3	1953	“Imagining the Future Workplace: What is Different about Workplace Accommodations for Older Workers?” (Williams, Sabata, and Sanford)	Paper	“In order to better understand the employment experiences of people with disabilities including older workers; a national survey was conducted by the Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Workplace Accommodations.”
10:30 AM – 12 PM; Houston Ballroom A	2061	“Prevalence and Patterns of Productive Engagement in Late Life: Implications for Public Policy” (Hinterlong and Williamson)	Paper	“This study estimates the prevalence of productive engagement among adults aged 60 and over through five activities: formal employment, irregular work, volunteerism, caregiving, and informal assistance to others.”

3:30 PM – 5 PM; Lone Star Ballroom A3	3174	“Visages of Generativity in a Group of Recent Retirees” (Gibson, Payne, and Davey)	Paper in a Symposium titled “Leisure and Aging-Related Transitions”	“ We interviewed twenty male and female retirees with high profiles as “learners” to identify the range and dynamics of generative interests and activities, utilizing framing ideas from work by Erik Erikson and Dan McAdams and colleagues.”
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## Sunday, November 19

<b>Time and Location</b>	<b>Session Number</b>	<b>Title and Authors</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Focus (information pulled from authors' abstracts)</b>
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM; Lone Star Ballroom A3	3239	“Neighborhood and Social Engagement: The Baltimore Memory Study” (James, Glass, Augustin, and colleagues)	Paper in a Symposium titled “Neighborhood, Health, and Aging”	“Neighborhood characteristics appear to be associated with social engagement independent of individual characteristics. These data provide support to both material and psychosocial accounts of the impact of neighborhoods on social function in late life.”
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM; Grand Hall	1301	“Social Engagement Among Asian American Elders: Volunteer Work and Caring for Grandchildren” (Akashi, Shibusawa, and Mui)	Poster	“... by utilizing data from the Asian American Elders in New York City Study ... we examined the rate of elders who engage in formal volunteer work and those who take care of their grandchildren, compared their sociodemographic variables, intergenerational exchange, and health and mental health status, and analyzed factors associated with their engagement.
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM; Grand Hall	2311	“Labor Force Dynamics of Older Women” (Peng and Fang)	Poster	“ The increase of labor market participation indicates that older American women are more likely to be in the labor force beyond traditional retirement ages due to the increasing longevity, improved health, economic independence, and more educational opportunities. This paper investigates the determinants of labor force status among women between age 55 and 69.”

8:30 AM – 11:30 AM; Grand Hall	2313	“Employers’ Accounts of the Hiring Process: Do Older Workers Stand a Chance?” (Berger)	Poster	“ ...there is a lack of research on employers’ perceptions of how their organizations are managing their aging workforces. This paper addresses this gap in the literature by drawing on qualitative interviews with employers (n=30).
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM; Grand Hall	1970	“Paid and Unpaid Work: Trajectories Over Time” (McNamara)	Poster	“ While a substantial amount of research has focused on the paid labor force participation of older workers, much less attention has been given to the interaction of paid and unpaid work. Older workers often continue to contribute to their communities, either through intergenerational care or through volunteer work.”
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM; Grand Hall	1826	“Influence of the Work Environment in Midlife on Cognitive Outcomes in Old Age: The Seattle Longitudinal Study” (Ryan, Willis, and Schaie)	Poster	“The relationships between three work environment domains in midlife (complexity, routine, control) and several cognitive outcomes (reasoning, spatial orientation, number ability, word fluency, verbal meaning, psychomotor speed) in old age were examined in a sample of Seattle Longitudinal Study participants (SLS; N=93).”
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM; Grand Hall	1574	“Is Work Status Relevant to Mental Health in the Pre-Retirement Years?” (McIntosh and Danigelis)	Poster	“ National surveys (AARP, 2002, 2005; SHRM, 2003) repeatedly report the desire for reduced and/or more flexible working hours, but does work status actually have any effect on self-reported mental health?”

8:30 AM – 11:30 AM; Grand Hall	2222	“Cultural Value Correlates of Baby Boomer Volunteer Motivations” (Cox and Hooker)	Poster	“ Past research has shown that understanding motivational domains have allowed organizations to recruit and effectively utilize unpaid workers. The purpose of this present study is to build on previous research on motivational domains and to determine if additional, culturally-specific considerations exist that influence baby boomers' decisions to volunteer.”
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM; Grand Hall	2147	“Finding Order in Theories of Aging: A New Approach to Old Theories” (Horlacher and Bengston)	Poster	“ Differing theories of retirement and caregiving can be integrated using mathematical models drawn from catastrophe theory. Activity and disengagement theories look at retirement from opposing viewpoints. One focuses on the benefits of disengaging while the other focuses on benefits of staying engaged. Catastrophe theory incorporates pressures in both directions within a single model. Engagement, disengagement, and a compromise position are three attractor points within the system which maintains the system’s balance.”

8:30 AM – 11:30 AM; Grand Hall	1228	“Improving Wellness for Workers 50+” (Hughes, Seymour, Sokas, and colleagues)	Poster	“Little is known about the effectiveness of worksite wellness programs for older workers. We have been funded by CDC’s national Health Protection Research Initiative to test the cost-effectiveness of two worksite health promotion interventions with support staff aged 50-59 at our University.”
10:30 AM – 12 PM; Lonestar Ballroom A1	3086	“Adaptations to and Use of Technology by Older Adults: Findings from CREATE” (Czaja and Elias)	Symposium	“The symposium will include presentations regarding: 1) the design of computer-based workstations to accommodate older workers (Charness et al.); 2) factors related to the use of medication adherence strategies by older people (Boron et al.); 3) the role of cognition and knowledge in Internet search performance (Sharit et al.); and 4) the ability of older adults to use Internet-based health information to make decisions regarding health related issues (Czaja et al.).”
10:30 AM – 12 PM; State Room 3	1183	“How Senior Corps Volunteer Programs Strengthen Communities and Enrich the Lives of Volunteers” (Thomas, Silva, Kleiner, and colleagues)	Paper	“In this presentation, we discuss how CNCS is using measures of program outcomes, including measures of the impact of the three volunteer service programs in strengthening communities across the nation and enriching the lives of volunteers.”

10:30 AM – 12 PM; State Room 3	1290	“Who Benefits from Volunteering” (Morrow-Howell, Hong, and colleagues)	Paper	“The study question is: what characteristics of volunteers and volunteer programs are associated with benefits of participation.”
10:30 AM – 12 PM; State Room 3	1396	“Elder Participation and Senior Power in Australian Electoral Politics” (Hudson, Borowski, and McCormack)	Paper	“This paper: (1) describes the voting patterns of older Australians; and (2) examines the efforts of both major political parties to woo older voters during the 2004 federal election campaign.”
10:30 AM – 12 PM; State Room 3	1799	“Conceptualizing and Measuring Institutional Capacity of Volunteer Programs” (Hong, Morrow-Howell, Tang, and colleagues)	Paper	“We conceptualize multiple dimensions of institutional capacity, including expectations, access, incentives, information, and facilitation. This study aims to develop the measurement of institutional capacity to engage older volunteers.”
12 PM – 3PM; Grand Hall	1193	“Promoting Civic Engagement through Intergenerational Service-Learning” (Karasik)	Poster	“Using quantitative and qualitative data collected over four semesters, this study examines introductory students’ (N= 111) reasons for participating (n=83) or not (n=28) in intergenerational service-learning, their perceptions regarding what they have learned through their experience, and their plans for future participation.”
12 PM – 3 PM; Grand Hall	1457	“The Restless Chinese American Elderly: Engaging Education and Gerontological Imagination” (Pang)	Poster	“ This paper reports an exploratory study on civic engagement of Chinese senior center participants in Los Angeles...”

12 PM – 3 PM; Grand Hall	2129	“Engaging Adult Learners with a Blended Instructional Approach” (Deck, Faul, Borders, and colleagues)	Poster	“The Geriatric Evaluation and Self-Management (GEMS) Project is a HRSA-funded collaboration between two disciplines at two universities in the Midwest. The project’s mission is to promote positive aging and civic engagement by attracting students and healthcare professionals to gerontology. Using blending learning strategies, an adult learning model, and cutting-edge technology resulted in effective and efficient practitioner training.”
12 PM – 3 PM; Grand Hall	1587	“Civic Engagement in Old Age: A Quasi-Experimental Longitudinal Study” (Muhlig-Versen and Staudinger)	Poster	“In a 12-months longitudinal study it was investigated whether participation in a German nation wide program financed by the Government and aiming at the promotion of civic engagement in older age shows effects in the area of cognitive and personality functioning. The intervention program consisted of a 3 x 3 days seminar where participants were taught important skills to support their assumption of the new role of civic engagement.”

3:15 PM – 4:45 PM; Houston Ballroom A	3022	“Resolutions from the Civic and Social Engagement Track” (Morrow-Howell)	Paper in a symposium titled “The 2005 White House Conference on Aging: Not Time for Seniors”	“Two resolutions from the Civic and Social Engagement track were voted into the top two resolutions. These resolutions focus on expanding opportunities for new and meaningful volunteer activities for older adults and baby boomers.”
5 PM – 6:30 PM; State Room 3	3285	“Civic Engagement and the Gerontological Imagination” (Hudson, Martinson, Moody, and colleagues)	Symposium	“This symposium presents a range of views on both how seniors might heighten their civic engagement and also on how such contributions might be weighed and interpreted.”

**Monday, November 20**

<b>Time and Location</b>	<b>Session Number</b>	<b>Title and Authors</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Focus (information pulled from authors' abstracts)</b>
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM; Lone Star Ballroom A2	3257	“Role Opportunities in Later Life: Social Relations and Well-Being” (Ajrouch, Tesch-Roemer, and Dannefer)	Symposium	“Role opportunities in later life may emerge from formal contexts (employment, volunteering) or from informal social networks (families, neighbors). Type and mix of role opportunities might also vary depending on cultural background and social policies. In the present symposium, social relations are examined as a pathway through which role opportunities may improve well-being within three national contexts.”